Company of Denver Capitalists Getting Options on Claims.

BIG DEAL BY THE MOFFATT SYNDICATE

Property Lies Adjacent to the Homestake Mines and Will Be Equal to Them in Its Extent.

Pierce deal which was before the people for another photograph, taken after the rescue, shows two unrecognizable men, all the hair burned off their beads, the skin lacerated and seamed with burns, and in the eyes two ghastly slits. Mr. Lander lets one of the Homestake, in the history of the ghastly slits. Mr. Lander lets one of the Homestake, in the history of the ghastly slits. Mr. Lander lets one over the line of the lander lets of the arrangement recently made with Mr. Sifton, Canadian minister of the line of the LEAD, S. D., Jan. 13,-(Special.)-The great which is nearly consummated, between mine but the special station three miles southwest of Deadwood, and a company of Denver capitalists known as the Moffatt syndleate. Representatives of this company have been in the Hills for several weeks getting options on the claims and making further progress toward the speedy incompany of work on the property as soon. Ing further progress toward the speedy inauguration of work on the property as soon
as the deal is completed. The agents of the
syndicate have returned to Denver to report
favorably to the company. Letters have
been received by certain mining men in the
Hills from David H. Moffait and Eben Smith.

downed to be beheaded in the interior of
Thibet.

They started with the idea of procuring at
least the mutilated body. By forced marches,
and after thrilling escapes from treacherous
guides, and adventures nearly costing them
their lives, these three men reached the
miner takes in except practically the clothes Hills from David H. Moffatt and Eben Smith, two of the foremest mining men in Colorado, the syndicate taking the name of the first named gentleman. The letters stated that \$150,000 tod already been raised for purchasing machinery and sinking a shaft 3,000 feet deep if necessary. The property involved in this transaction lies adjacent to the Homestake or concealed his cameras. They had a photograph and will equal in extent that of the Homestake. The Deover syndicate has abundance of capital to build up another such an institution as the Homestake. Mr. Moffatt is the largest mine owner and promoter in Colorado and Mr. Smith is a mining engineer of considerable note. Active work will be commenced on the tract within sixty days.

The Tip Top mine on Spring creek has

commenced on the tract within sixty days.

The Tip Top mine on Spring creek has been purchased by A. D. Prowsey of Cincin-pelli, O. There are two claims, which have been developed quite extensively by open cuts and shafts. The vein is very wide and can be traced for a long distance. On several occusions free gold specimens have been found, some of which have assayed in the neighborhood of \$800 in gold. The general run of the ore is low. GOOD ORE STRUCK.

A good body of ore best been struck on the property of the Omaha company, in Two Bit, which promises to become pretty rich. The ore is pyrificeed was found in a tunnel fifty

eet from the shaft.
It is reported that the Milliken Park group, owned by New York parties, has been pur chared by onother syndicate of Denver capi talists. The property has been worked for a number of years and is considered valuable. The Kicking Horse mine, on Blacktail divide, bis been closed down owing to the increased charge of ore treatment. It will probably cause the Deadbroke mill to close also, for it depends on the Kicking Horse mine to supply it with water.

The cyanide plant, leased by D. C. Bailey, has begun operations. The plant has been thoroughly overhauled and considerable new machinery put in place. It will treat about forty tons of ore from the Boley mines and twenty-five tons custom ores each day.

A new placer mine has been opened up on Spring creek, which will be extensively worked in early spring. Tests have given from 10 to 15 cents to the pan, which is considered a very fair prespect. A trench has been run to drain the bedrock.

The second annual meeting of the Dead-

wood Mining and Development company resulted in the re-election of the old officers for another year. They are: F. Zipp, president; George Ayers, vice president; N. E. Franklin, secretary, and A. Hattenbach treasurer. The company is now composed of thirty-seven members, and it was voted t enlarge the number to fifty. The assessmen will be monthly hereafter instead of quart erly, in order that \$500 a month may be obtained to push developments in the It is thought that the shaft is within twenty feet of the Hardin vein of ore.

A new company has been formed during the

past week in Chicago, under the name of the Consolidated Hardin Mines, limited. Th officers of the company are: James Hardin, president; A. P. Bigelow, vice president; H. M. Quackenbos, treasurer; J. H. Delaney, secretary. The company owns block of valuable ground in Two Bit which was recently purchased of James Hardin.

ILLINOISAN WILL INVESTIGATE. W. Puterbaugh, a wealthy coal operatof Peor's and Lincoln, Ill., has been in the Hills some time looking over the mines with the intention of investing. He has returned to Peorla and has given out his tention of organizing a company to develop

come property near Rockford.
The Golden Reward Consolidated Mining and Milling company has declared its first regular quarterly dividend of 5 cents a share and an extra dividend of 10 cents a share, both payable at New York City on February 1. It is announced that dividends will be

regularly paid in the future. Samuel Scott of Custer has shipped 500 pounds of spedumene and 100 pounds of bismuth ore to Paris France, for treatment. The first named mineral is taken from almost within the city limits of Custer and in it is foun! to be equal to the foreign productegular shipments will be made. The bismuth is also from near Custer. There are no works for the treatment of either of the ores in this country, and if the returns from the present shipments prove to be as rich as ex-pected, there are parties ready with the cap-Ital with which to erect suitable works near the mines for treatment of the ores. They are very valuable. The shaft is down 150

Three shifts of men have been put on the D. & D. shaft, in Ruby basin. The frame work of the mammoth steel hoisting bouse is up and the building will soon be enclosed. The construction of this gigantic building is something new in Black Hills architecture. It is made entirely of steel and perfectly fireproof and can be taken down and moved to a new place in a short time and at little

Some rich simples of ore have been brought up from the Gold King group, in the Hornblende district, which assayed from \$27 to \$55.40 per ton. The ore is free-milling enblende and is found in a vein thirty feet wide and at a depth of forty-two feet. One of the most prominent mining com-

in the southern hills is that operating the Drummer groto, near Custer. ten-stamp mill is in daily operation end syanide plant is nearly completed. It expected that the company will soon begin paying dividends, which will add another ally mark to the good name of the Southern Hills. There are slow a dozen or more very promising mines in the central and southern hills, in Keystone, Rockford, Hill City and other camps, that will be dividend payers before many months. The southern portio of the hills will, no doubt, receive a wonder ful advancement in the year 1898. Invest ments are being made cautiously and the development of the mines will be much slower than in the northern hills for the reason that in nearly every ravine and guich in the latter named section there are being worked successfully one or all of the attempts at mining heretofore have been fullures, principally through a mis-understanding of the nature of the ores. Men have been giving this country more sareful study in the last few years and the time is very near when some of the largest mining enterprises in the Black Hills

will be inaugurated there. Gilbert After Dupont Trophy. CHICAGO, Jan. 13.—Fred Gilbert, the crack trap shooter, and Eddi: Bingham of this city have left for New York City, where Gilbert will shoot against Egbert for possessior of the Dupont trophy Saturally, Gilbert is in fine form and is thought to have better than an even chance of

Three Days Without Food or Water

While a Prisoner. LONDON, Jan. 13.-The Daily Chronicle. Nothing Allowed to Co Free Into the Cold in a description of the experience in Thibet of Henry Savage Landor, the artist, writer and traveler, who narrowly escaped death at the hands of the Thibetans when en-

capital of Thibet, says: His valuable diary, maps and other papers include interesting photographs of the toriures inflicted, which were only interrupted when Mr. Landor himself was under torture. One of these represents the scene of the torture of a native companion, tied naked to a tree and slashed and bruised by a circle of hideous beings dancing around,

Black Hills, will soon be duplicated by a deal, irons were held so close to the eyes of their Meanwhile it is learned here from good cast.

It is not probable that Mr. Landor will over be well enough to return.

WRITING A NEW JAPANESE OPERA.

Masengai Will Attempt to Preserve Peculiarity of Native Music.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Jan. 13 .- Advices by steamer Empress of China say: Moscagni is at work upon a new opera to be called 'Irls." The work will be purely Japanese in character and Mascagni in his new music has endervored to reproduce the peculiar tone effects of Japanese instruments. He spends the entire day in the celebrated instrumental ollection of Baron Kraus. The problem to present to the public a score containing music that would be attractive to the European car and lose nothing in Japanese origi-mality has proved physical torture to Massegni. The plot is as follows:

A simple, charming, sweet-tempered young girl is left with an old blind father. The girl appears leading her parent knie the garden, where he mutters his morning prayer, while she waters the flowers. The chorus of the "Musume" greets the rising sun and then betakes itself to a gentle rivulat, that divides the leaders. let that divides the landscape. The prince of the neighborhood hears of the charms and purity of Iris, and by his ordero Tsikomati abducts her from her home and conveys her to a house of ill-repute, where her broken-hearted father finds her. Be-lleving she has entered her new life voluntarily, he pronounces a curse upon her. She is at last free from her terrible surroundings, a fugitive, still pure, but clear to death's door. The curse is upon her and on the steps of a temple where she had taken final refuge, amid the solemn music of priests and tolling of bells, Iris singe her last song and dies.

Zola Accuses Them of Periors PARIS, Jan. 13 .- The Aurore publishes on open letter from Emile Zola to President Faure, pointing out the irregularities and illegalities in the Esterhazy court-martial and formally accusing General Bilot, minis-ter of war; General Mercier, Major Ravary the investigating officer and Major Pary deca of perjury and challenging the government to prosecute them.

Looking Over Canal Route. MANAGUA, Nicaragua, Jan. 13.-(Vi-Galveston.)-The party of Chicago and other contractors and capitalists, under the leader ship of Lyman E. Cooley, of Chicago, have arrived here via Colon, Panama and Corinto. All the members of the party are well. They will thoroughly examine the route of the proposed maritime canal through Nicaragua

Liberal-Unionist Wins LONDON, Jan. 13 .- A parliamentary by lection held in Plymouth yesterday to filk the vacancy caused by the death of Charles Harrison radical, resulted in the election of the conservative and liberal-unionist can-

didate, Hon. Ivor Churchill Guest, who de-feated the liberal and radical candidate, S. F. Mendel, by 1,186 votes. Esterhazy's Accuser Arrested. PARIS, Jan. 13 .- Colonel Picquart, who is nderstood to be the officer who brought the charges against Count Esterhazy, recently acquitted of treason by a court-martial, was arrested this morning and incarcerated in the fortress of Mont Valerin.

RECORD YEAR FOR CHURCH AID

Congregational Building Society File Its Report. NEW YORK, Jun. 13 .- The forty-fifth an nual report of the Board of Trustees of the Congregational Church Building society was made public today by the secre ary, Rev. S. H. Cobb, D. D. The record of work, receipts and expenditures for the year 1897 capily takes the highest place in the history of the society during the last forty-five years. The board has voted \$296,495 to 166 churches There was prid to 116 churches \$232,233 i the form of grants or loans on houses of worship. The board tes voted \$35,190 is parsonage loans to fifty-seven churches and

thirty-eight churches have been paid \$21. 867 on parsonage loans.

The geographical distribution of feeds paid ut is as follows: Eighteen houses of worching and three parsonages east, and ninety-eight houses of worship and thirty-five parson-ages wast of the eastern boundary of Ohio. On houses of worship, \$124,500 has been in he form of loans and \$107,823 in the form of

grants. The whole amount received into the church building loan fund is \$412.883. A final set-tioment has been made with the society by the executor of the will of the late J. Hen Stickney of Baltimore. From the sale of t securities \$153,976 has been realized. receipts from all sources aside from legacy is \$141,528. Grand total for this year

Only 201 congregational churches are now in pressing need of houses of worship.

PENSIONS FOR WESTERN VETERANS Survivors of Late War Remembered by the General Government. WASHINGTON, Jan. 13,-(Special.-Pen-cions have been issued as follows:

Issue of December, 27: Iowa-Original: John L. Holden, Chariorado-Original, Granville R. Smith,

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 13,-The body of the murderer, W. H. T. Durrant, was of the murderer, W. H. T. Durrant, was incinerated at the crematory of Reynolds & Van Nuys at Altadena today, At 2 o'clock the ashes were removed from the furnace and delivered to its parents. No one saw the inside of the crematory except the employes and the Durrants. A few gathered around the outside, but everything was done so quietly and so quickly that their curiosity was soon appeased and before the ashes were removed those few had dispersed.

MINING IN THE BLACK HILLS ARTIST LANDOR ENDURES TORTURE. EVERYTHING TO PAY DUTY

Regions.

CUSTOMS REGULATIONS FOR KLONDIKE deavoring last autumn to reach Hassa, the

> Canada is Going to Great Expense to Accommodate Miners and Must Recoup Itself for Outlay.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13 .- In a few days dian customs duties averaging 30 per cent.
Outfits and supplies bought in Canada by

persons taking the Wrangel and Stickine, the St. Micheels, Skagway, Talya or Dalton trail routes will be admitted free into the Klon-dike, and of course are not subject to duly when taken in over the ull-Canadian routes from Ashcroft, Kamloops, Edmunton and Prince Albert. The Conadan authorities desire to warn the public against so-called transportation comparies which are offering for sums pinging-from \$50 to \$150, payable in advance, to convey persons from the eastern states to Diwson City, by Canadian routes, and to provide them with food enroute. The overland routes within Canada route. The overland routes within Canada are all controlled by the Canadian Pacific railway, which is also operating the route via Wrongel and the Stickine, and outside companies have no authority whatever to offer such rates. Persons going to the Kiondike this spring are recommended to take plenty of food or clothing, otherwise on reaching the frontier of the Canadian Yukon district they will be turned back by the Canadian mounted police. There is no famine in the Klondike, but supplies are running low just now, and those entering without a sufficient stock of their own might become a burden to the community. The rush has already commenced, but Canadian officials advise people who wish to reach Dawson without delays on the way, not to start before February. The Wrangel and Stickine routes, the ones recommended by Caradians, will not be open until the end of

BETTERMENT OF NAVAL SERVICE. Secretary Long Presents a Bill to the House Committee.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.-Secretary Long today submitted to Chairman Charles A. Boutelle of the house committee on naval affairs a copy of the proposed bill to combine he line and the engineer corps of the nav and to increase the efficiency of the navaservice, which was prepared by the special board headed by Assistant Secretary Roose-velt. Secretary Long says: "I can add noth-ing to the force of the report, with the spirit and general tenor of which, and of the bill accompanying it, I am in hearty accord-Therefore, he recommends the passage of the bill with some slight modifications which he suggests. The most important of these is a change in the sections retiring officers with the rank and three-four hs pay of the next grade above. Secretary Long says: "H should be retired with the rank and three fourths pay of the grade held by him at the time of his retirement and this is especially desirable in the section providing for vol untary retirements."

Another amendment is in the section re lating to the commissioning of the academy boys. The secretary provides that they shall be called midshipmen and that they shall be nmissioned in the lowest grades of the lin and morine corps after taking the course a Annapolis and a one year's sea course, the bill. It is also an additional requiremen that the cadets who bave now completed the four year's course shall also have a year's sea

service before being commissioned.
Another amendment limits the adjustment of salaries of officers to those on the active quires that enlisted men before retiring after thirty years' service shall also have reached the age of 50 years.

Secretary Long says the bill increases the annual expense, but this we must have if we are to have what we actually ceed, a naval service as efficient as any in the world. bill increases the number of officers by only ninety, which number would be required in any event by the increased number of ships in service. As an offset, however, the re tirements provided for will reduce the ex pense of the retired lists. The report of the of a few years the bill will effect a saving i

IS PARTIAL TO COLONEL GRANT Li Hung Chang Wished Him as Rep

resentative to China. WASHINGTON, Jun. 13.-Li Hung Chang who is back in power in the days of China's extremity, wanted Colonel Fred D. Grant of New York appointed as minister to China. The following dispatch from Li Hung Chang was received by the Chinece minister to the United States:

Be pleased to convey to his excellency, the president of the United States, the distinguished consideration of Li Hung Chang, and say to him that Li Hung Chang would be pleased if he graciously would appoint as minister to China Colonel Frederick Dent Grant, son of the great soldier, sixteeman to whom Li Hung Chang. ddler-statesman, to whom Li Hung Chang as most devoted,

Before the arrivel of this dispatch President McKinley had perfected the arrange-ment by which Mr. Conger was nominated as minister and he will be confirmed.

MORE MEATS FOR EXPORTATION

Require Larger Appropriation for Inspection. WASHINGTON, Jan. 13 .- The house toda

ntered upon the consideration of the agricultural appropriation bill. The bill carries \$3,323,402, being \$135,500 in excess of the amount for the current year. Mr. Wadsworth (rep., N. Y.) chairman of the agricultural committee, explained that the increases were due to the constantly growing deman! for inspections of meat and meat products or expert. Under the latitude allowed for debate Mr.

Williams (dem., Miss.) submitted an ex-tended argument in favor of the establish ment of a postal savings bank system.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—Commander MeColla of the United States steamship Marblehead has reported to the
Navy department from Port Tampa
that while at small arms practice yesterday
four men of the Marblehead were injured
by an explosion, two of them very severely. Accident on Board the Marblehead

The injured men were removed to the Marine hospital near by. No details as to the cause of the explosion were given, nor were the names of the injured telegraphed.

Judiciary Committee of the Senate Acts on Committee. WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—The senate com-

mittee on judiciary today decided to report avorably the nomination of Attorney General McKenna to be a justice of the supreme

The meeting of the committee was com-paratively brief and was devoted to reading the newspaper attacks and letters bearing upon Mr. McKeena's nomination and to a discussion of their merits by the members of the committee. This discussion was very generally participated in, one or two of the members expressing regret that the president's choice for the office of justice should be made subject to the charge of incompe-tency. When, however, the vote was taken on the motion to favorably report the nomication to the senate no pegative ballot wes

FOOD ENOUGH AT DAWSON CITY. Army Officer Who Left There De-

cember 4 Reports.
WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—Adjutant General Breck has a telegram from Colonel Merriam, at Vancouver Barracks, forwarding a telegram from Colonel Robertson at Scattle as follows:

Seattle as follows:

Major Jones reports to me as follows:
Left Dawson December 9. No danger of
starvation there, Capiain Guyar of steamship P. B. Weare left Circle City November 21, arrived at Dawson on December 4,
Ray and Richardson (two army officers)
were at Circle City well and comfortable
when Guyer left Circle City, Jaquin Miller also brought the same news to Dawson
regarding Ray and Richardson, Steamship
Alki arrived this morning bringing 250
Klondikers, many of whom confirm the
statement of Jones as to food supply,

LOOKING AFTER THE AMERICANS. Senate Wants to Know What Protec-

tion They Have. WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—Senutor Cannon of Utah presented the following resolution n the senate today and it was adopted: In the senate today and it was adopted:
Resolved, That the president is requested,
If in his opinion it is not incompatible with
the public interests, to transmit to the senate at his earliest convenience a statement
showing what measures are in force by this
government in the island of Cuba and in
waters contiguous thereto to protect the
lives, liberty and property of American
citizens now dwelling in Cuba,

Reduction in Tax Not Probable. WASHINGTON, Jan. 13 .- Chairman Ding ley was called on yesterday by several rep resentatives of the distilling industry and asked what prospect there was for legislation looking to a reduction of the internal revenue tax on distilled spirits. He ex-pressed the strong opinion that nothing

would be done at this session toward reduc-ing the tax on the lines indicated. You May Keep Them If You Wish. WASHINGTON, Jan. 13 .- In reply to numerous inquiries, the Treasury departmen states that the call for the \$100 certificates or account of the discovery of the counter-feits is not compulsory, but was issued to protect the public. No contraction of circulation medium is caused by the with-drawals, as the department has discounted this by provisions against it.

Customs Receipts Increase. WASHINGTON, Jan. 12,-The customs reeipts today were \$889,024, the heaviest since the new tariff went into effect. Treasury officials are gratified at the continued increase and confidently predict that the new law will provide a surplus of revenue from now on.

Rublen Will Be Quartermaster. WASHINGTON, Jan. 13 .- Captain George Ruhlen, assistant quartermaster, has been rdered to report in person to General Merriam, at Vancouver barracks, for assign nent to duty as quartermester of the Alaska

SEARCHING FOR A MISSING CHILD. Supposition that the Little One Has

Been Kidnaped. DALLAS, Tex., Jan. 13.-Almost the entire male population of Waxabachie, twenty miles south of Dalles, is hunting for the 12-year old daughter of James S. Davis, one of the wealthiest men of northern Texas. The child, it is believed, has been kidnaped or murdered, but there is a strong feeling that she is being held for ransom. If this is the case and the kidnapers are cuptured, death will undoubtedly be their fate. The little girl, whose name is "Jimmie," was ast seen about 6 o'clock last evening ou he sidewalk a short distance from her home Not returning at dark, the members of the ousehold made a search for her. At clock the fire bells of the town were rung At 8 which called out the male population. situation was explained at a meeting at the city ball and every man and boy volunteered o search. Every building in the town of 0,000 to 12,000 population has been thor oughly searched and the searchers are now

xploring the surrounding country. ST. LOUIS, Jan. 13.—A special to the Post-Obspatch from Dallas, Tex., says: At 10 clock this forescon one of the searching parties found "Jimmie" Davis, the missing 2-year-old daughter of James Davis, the wealthy resident of Waxahachie, about five niles in the country, in a mentally deranged condition. The child had not been physically injured, but her mind is so clouded that she can give no information as to how she wandered or was taken to where she was found. She was returned to her parents.

Says the Commissioners Should Have Given Him Due Notice.

James Ruane, the cornty's expert accountant, whose services were dispensed with by he county commissioners at a meeting held Wednesday, is not inclined to submit gracefully. He was at his desk yesterday morning. notwithstanding the fact that his dismissal was along the line of an instanter order. Asked why he was at work, he replied that before being discharges, he would have to

be given thirty days' notice to quit. The county commissioners do not take much stock in the position taken by Mr. They say that he has been employed without the question of time being taken into consideration. They say also that they could have discharged him at my time and without a minute's notice if they had seen fit.

At noon, Ruane quit his desk, packed up his passesions and left the court house. He refused, however, to say whether or not he

cosed to make a legal move in an attempt John T. Dailey, who has succeeded James Ruone as expert accountant, was duly le-stalled yesterday morning. He was given the designation of assistant auditor and went to work on the booke, under the direction of

Auditor Tate. Postmaster Has a Burgiar. The family of Postmaster Euclid Martin, 3608 Howard street, was given a scare by ourgiars last Tuesday night. Shortly after nidnight one of the serving women heard ome one strike a match in a room below and he gave the alarm to other occupants of the house. Mr. Martin happened to be away at the time. The man was evidently scared away for nothing was taken. An entrance

was gained through a cellar door.

Murphy Aided a Stranger, Last Saturday night Pat Murphy, a se on hand for the Union Pacific railroad.

FAVORABLE REPORT ON MIKENNA. Matters Before the Omaha Session About All Disposed Of.

JUDGE MUNGER READY TO GO TO LINCOLN

Omaha Jury Discharged and All Busi ness Being Wound Up as Rapidly as the Wheels Can Turr

The present term of the federal court in this city is rapidly approaching its end. Yesterday morning Judge Munger discharged the petit jury which has been in service since November, and yesterday the marshal's office was crowded with the jurymen and witnesses in search of their fees. Next week a goodly portion of the paraphernalia connected with the equalization of the 1898 municipal assess. a United States court of justice will be ment. This annual task is more generally transferred to Lincoln, and will remain dreaded than any other official act which u there until the close of the term at the councilman is called on to perform. This end of February.

Until the next term of court in this city the judicial offices in the federal building will be practically deserted. Clerk Hillis will take with him his entire office force with the exception of one attache, who will remain here to attend to the business of the office and to place papers on file. The marshal's office, which has been a scene of activity for a couple of months will also be in charge of one man.

in charge of one man.

The Lincoln term begins on Monday, but it will not be in running order until the Monday following. The jury was to have reported on next Wednesday, but the members have been ordered not to be on hand until January 24. The biggest part of the term will be devoted to criminal business, there being but few civil cases ready for trial, it is said.

on believing that the increase in their assessment means a corresponding increase in their faxe. Some of the snags that the council at the said, in their faxe. Some of the snags that the council at the increase in their assessment means a corresponding increase in their faxe. Some of the snags that the council at the said, in their faxe. Some of the snags that the council at their faxe. Some of the snags that the council a

is said.

Today Julge Munger will consider the advisability of holding a special term of the court in this city in March. He will call the law docket for the purpose of learning whether chough cases will be ready for trial to warrant the holding of the term. It is considered practically settled, however, that such a special term will be ordered, as there a large number of civil cases on the locket in which local attorneys. ested who would wish to have the trials in this city rather than at Lincoln or some they should want to run for re-election.

Frank Lee and Frank Harrington, wh were convicted of robbing the postoffloe at Stromsburg, were sentenced to eighteen and sixteen months respectively in the penitenthey, They broke into the postoffice last August and stole a quantity of stamps and ther property. The last jury trial of the term was that o

oho Rohwer, on two charges of disposing

liquor to Indians. He was convicted on each was fined \$100 and costs and sentenced to sixty days in the county jail, but the senence was suspended on condition of the paynent of the fine and costs. TESTIMONY IN THE EXCHANGE SUIT.

Examiner Buttin Begins Hearing the Anti-Trust Proceeding.

Examiner in Chancery J. W. Battin yesterday commenced to take the testimony f the government in the case of the United States against the South Omaha Live Stock exchange, in which the legality of the exchange is attacked under the Sherman anti-trust law. The government will have a con-siderable number of the witnesses and it is expected that a sitting of a week or ten days will be required to take all the testimony. The subpoenaes for the witnesses were issied today. It is not believed that the stock exchange will care to introduce any testixchange will care to introduce any testi-nony at the present time, but will ask for as the hack ordinance. It leaves the license

another sitting.

It was for a time feared that the sitting vehicles used to convey passengers for a would be postponed by the authorities at consideration at \$10 a year, as heretofore, Washington. This arose from the fact that but it provides more detailed classifications of days ago received a telegram attorney general of the United States ask- under the old ordinance. ing the expense that would attach to the sitting. An answer was sent to the effect that the expense would be small, and nothing else has been heard from Washington. It is streets is fixed at \$2 a day straight instead believed that representations were made to or \$2 a day or \$5 a week, as formerly. The he attorney general that the prosecution of same fee is fixed for machines for tests of the case would entail a considerable expendi-

There is every prospect that the case will tions not otherwise covered by the ordinance be hard fought, for there will be plenty of shall pay a license of \$2 a day or \$5 a week. lawyers in attendance. The United States district attorney will be assisted by John T. Cathers of this city and the Live Stock local attorneys and by special counsel from Chicego, St. Louis and Kansas City. ast took part in the Kansas City case urnished a precedent for the one begun

SUITS AGAINST DREXEL ESTATE. will cost \$2,500. Fred Wirth was granted a permit to erect a brick addition to the con-Omaha Claimants Bring Proceedings

to Recover Large Sums. Litigation over the property of the estate of Anthony J. Drexel, Philadelphia millionaire, who died some five or six years ago has found its way into the courts of Douglas county.

When he died, Anthony J. Drexel was posessed of property that scheduled \$5,500,000, some of which included lands and lots in this city and county. After his death several claims were filed in the office of the cierk of The Cap ain Haze, who asserts that he means to the county court of Douglas county. The principal claimants and the amounts which they alleged were duc were as follows: Mary E. Bourke \$73,000; A. L. Reed, \$88,714; executors of the estate of Mary Reed, deceased, \$88,714. These claimants all alleged that during his lifetime, Anthony J. Drexel contracted to purchase property in this city and county, and that he failed and refused to pay the purchase price as he had agreed. When the estate was probated in the east, t is said that the admicistrators failed to give notice to non-residents of the time for filing claims and hence the matter went by default until a short time ago. Recently the loc-1 claimants commenced proceedings in the probate court of this county and asked for an order allowing them to establish the validity of their respective claims. This afternoon the local uttorneys for the heirs o the estate filed their answer in which they set up a general denial, alleging that there s nothing due the Omaha claimants.

Notes from the Courts. Sarah J. Fisher has instituted divorce proceedings against her husband, William M. Fisher. She charges cruelty and desertion and asks the custody of the children, beides wanting back her maiden name, Sarah

I. West. Sheriff McDonald went to Lincoln this afternoon, taking with him Bud Morris, convicted of grand larceny and sentenced to two years in the penitentiary, and also Alfred Knapp, conviced of burglary and sentenced o one year.

Nels Soirce has sued James H. Stevens and the United States Fidelity Guarantee com-Meyers. He was locked up. pany in an action to recover the sum of \$518 which he alleges is due him from Obey & Ce., contractors on the new postoffice build-NO DEPUTYSHIP FOR MR. CLAPP. Sheriff and County Board Agree or ing. The plaintiff alleges that the defendants are boodsmen for the contractors and that they guaranteed that payment of claims would be made. McDonald has appointed J. T. Clapp as & deputy for the county court. This is a mis-

DRAYMEN MAY HANDLE IT ALL Failure of Local Freight Men

Agree Opens a New Line.
As a result of a conference held in the office of Manager Babcock, of the Transportation At the mesting of the county commissioners department, a number of the draymen of the Wednesday, Clapp, anticipating an apcity are preparing to submit a proposition to the department to handle goods intended for the same was referred. He seems to be a the exposition. Their proposition will include little hasty, however, for in addition to the rates for hauling these goods from the local decisration of Sheriff McDonald County Judge depots to the exposition grounds, whether redepots to the exposition grounds, whether received in car lots or in smaller quantities.

This move on the part of the draymen grows the county judge recommends Clapp and the out of the failure of the representatives of the sheriff appoints him they will undoubtedly local lines to agree upon the proposition to confirm the appointment, but otherwise they appoint a joint agent, which was discussed will do nothing in the premises aside from and practically abandoned at a meeting held returning the bond.

in Manager Babcock's office last week. Since that time the Department of Transportation DOUGLAS COUNTY SCHOOLS has had under consideration various plans of taking care of the immense amount of freight which will be received over all the lines for the exposition. Much of this freight will be in small shipments, occupy-

ion department for some time.
All of the large transfer lines were rep

resented at the meeting held yesterday and they will submit a plan to the department

WORK OF EQUALIZING NOT A SYAP

City Council Members Encounter an

Unusual Lot of Woes.

The city council is still hard at work or

The owners of the lots insist that the buildings belong to Jones and when Jones is

hunted up he promptly decies the allegation

they are assessed for the entire property.

propriation Ordinance.

erday morning to pass the regular appro-

priation ordinance and attend to some ad-

reached at the regular meeting.

The second ordinance regulates

The electric light company was directed to

replace the arc lights at the three lown-town corners that have been left unlighted

Building Permits Granted

A permit was issued yesterday morning to

. W. Downs to build a two-story frame resi-

hall at Tenth and Harney streets at a

dence at 123 North Thirty-first avenue. It

HE WOULD TALK TO A WITNESS.

E. F. Moriarity Locked Up at Instance

of Captain Haze.

E. F. Morlarity, a police court attorney.

put a stop to the pettifogging methods in vogue by certain altorneys who frequent

Judge Gorden's court. Yesterday afternoon Moriarity secured a

witness against Elsie Allen and Gertie Brown, in a larceny from the person case.

A few days ago Meyers went to the home of these women and while there claims to

have been robbed of \$40 by them. He has

have been roused of \$40 by them. He has been locked up in he boys' cell ever slace ewailing a trering of the case. About 2 c'clock Westgard, without permission from any of the pelice officials went to Meyer's

cell and told him that the easiest metood

while in the jail. Judge Gordon thereupon rescinded the order. Moriarity then went to

the cell and started a convergation with

Our Proposition.

The impression has gone abroad that Sheriff

take, as the sheriff has not appointed any

person to this position, and what is more, he

declares that he will never name Mr. Clapp

Clapp for the position and does not intend

do so. The county commissioners say that

for the place.

in order to test the Welstach burners.

cost of \$1,000.

Their Condition at Present Shows Much ing only a part of a car, and the question of handling this freight to the best advantage of all concerned has been under consideration at the hands of the Transporta. Effective Work.

HIGH GRADE OF EXCELLENCE ATTAINED

Superintendent Bodwell Given the Country Educators Much Credit for the Work that is Now Being Done.

they will submit a plan to the department next week. Those attending the meeting were: John Bekins of the Omaha Van and Storage company; J. A. Johnson of John-son Bros. Transfer line, W. P. Adkins of Holmer & Adkins, W. A. Gordon of the Ex-pressmen's Delivery company, and Edward Sterricker of the Omaha Merchants' Express County Superintendent Bodwell is very auch pleased with the present condition of the country schools and says that they have reached the highest standard in their history. Superintendent Bodwell came in from the country yesterday and spent some time at his office, looking after routine matters and answering his mails.

"The county schools," said Superintendent Bodwell, "are pushing along nicely and are n a par with the graded schools of the city. At this time we have sixty schools in operation, employing eighty teachers, fifty women and thirty men. These schools include all in the county, outside of Omaha and Sofith Omaha. Since the opening of the fall term the attendance has increased 1,000, which is the greatest increase that has been recorded for a number of years.

"Some years ago it was the custom in the districts to change teachers about every term, but during late years this plan has been abandoned and now when the directors of a district secure a good teacher they keep her

country schools fare better than those of the cities of Omaha and South Omaha. Last year the state apportionment for Douglas county they should want to run for re-election.

One of the difficulties encountered by the board this year grows out of the numerous one-fourth of the whole, the remaining threefourths being divided according to the per capita of the school population of the county. hulldings on leased gruonds. In these cases the ground belongs to one party, but the im-So you see that the cities receive only their proportion of the three-fourths of the whole."

Asked if the country schools would take any part of the exposition exhibit. Superintendent Bodwell said: "The country schools provements should properly be taxed to en-other. It is impossible for the tax depart-ment to get at the facts in all these cases are actively engaged right at this time in the Tax Commissioner Sockett has in each case assured the lot owners that if they would preparation of an exhibit that I think will be most creditable. Our schools are paying consubmit lists of the persons who owned the buildings so notices could be served the tax drawing. Teachers are urging their pupils on yould be properly entered on the books. But and the best work in this line will be se-post of them have neglected to take this lected and placed on exhibition. The teach-preciution and som of them now find that position and every one of them will do all in their power to make the great show a suc-cess. Most of the teachers have enrolled PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL. cess. themselves in the work and they are pushing forward with all of the energy that they Special Session Held to Pass the Appossess. People may rest assured that the Douglas county teachers will do their share." The city council met in special session yes-

PROBABLE MURDERER IS HELD. Capture of What May Be a Much ditional routine matters that could not be

Wanted Individual. Charles H. Smith was taken out of a Burmester introduced two additional ordinances amending the present regulations of lodging house near Sixteenth and Chicago licensed occupations which were referred streets. Wednesday night and locked up at the police station on the charge of being a uspicious character. It is possible, however, that the more serious charge of murder may

be lodged against him. In many respects the prisoner resembles of the various sorts of vehicles to eliminate ames Jones, a safe breaker and bad man from Buffalo, Dallas county, Mo., who is vanted for the killing of Deputy Sherift sales. The fee for a license to sell jewelry, novelties or similar merchandise on the Dayton of Hamilton county, Texas, on this Jones was arrested in Buffalo, Mo., on a charge of grand larceny and burglary and was admitted to bond. While in the strength or endurance, and it is provided that any other exhibitions or street occupacharge of Sheriff Boone shortly before the date of the trial, Jones made his escape and was traced to Hamilton county, Texas. While attempting to place Jones under arrest

Sheriff Dayton was shot and killed.
The local police have in their possession small photograph sent out by the Buffa of authorities which is a fairly good likeness of Smith. The picture shows a man with a blonde moustache, small eyes, regular for-tures and a rather sharp nose. The chin is deeply knoented by a dimple. The rest of the description furnished of Jones is that he s about 23 years of age, is five feet eleven nches in height and weighs in the neighbor-good of 170 pounds. Smith fills many details

of this description. The prisoner, however, tells a pretty straight story of his wanderings. He says he was born in Sacramento, Cal., moved to this city with his parents in 1877 and from here went to Rapid City, S. D. Here he says he studied three years in the School of Mines. He never followed the mining bus was thrown into jail yesterday afternoon on inese, but secured a job on the railroad, charge of interfering with a state's witness. Smith says he came here from Sioux City An information framing this charge will be in search of a job and was about to leave for lodged against Moriarity at the instance of Kansas City when arrested. He decides ever having been in M'ssouri. The prisoner's picture was taken according to the Bertillon system yesterday and will be forwarded to the Missouri authorities for identification. Until a reply is heard from them Smith will be locked up in the county jail for cafeman in the person of Charles Wes gard, who was willing to go bonds for Henry Meyers,

who is being retained at headquarters as a OVERTAKES A PURSE SNATCHER. Law's Hand Rests Heavily on Henry

Saunders. Wednesday evening as Miss Mary McIbben, living at the Young Woman's Home, on South Nineteenth street, was passing the corner of Sixteenth and Howard stree's, she was familiarly accosted by a tall, well dressed negro. She resented the affront and the of gaining his liberty would be to desmiss all charges which he had preferred against the women. He was ordered dway from the cell by Jaller Havey, and Captain Heze was informed of the infraction of police, rules. Moriarity, who has been trying to obtain bonds for Meyers, then asserted that he would talk to the prisoner without permission from any official. He was forbidden to do so by Captain Haze, but finally secured in order from Judge Gordon, which requested the police official to grant Moriarity an input for the police and they readly reconstructed to the police and they read to the police and they readly reconstructed to the police of the police and they readly reconstructed to the police of the police and they readly reconstructed to the police of the negro, coming close to her, snatched a pockthe police official to grant Moriarity an in-terview with the prisoner. Captain Haze nized in the description given the person of told Judge Gordon that he would bring the prisoner into the court, but that he should decline to allow the attorney to see him. He was located about noon and locked up.

> No Case Against Kane. Dennis C. Kane, who was arrested at the nstance of John Connors a short time ago on a charge of taking from him \$80 while on a charge of taking from him so while the other was intoxicated, has been dis-charged by Judge Gordon, There was no evidence produced to show that Kane had done otherwise than attempted to befriend Connors while he was in a drunken condi-tion. The money, if stoisn, was undoubt-edly taken by persons unknown.

Question Lindsay's Democracy FRANKFORT, Ky., Jan. 13.—Representa-tive Saunders (dem., of Union county) today introduced a resolution in the Kenday introduced a resistant in the Ken-tucky house of representatives questioning the democracy of United States Senator William Lindsay and asking him to resign. The resolution was referred to the com-mittee on resolutions by a viva voce vote, which disposes of it for all time. The reso-lution recites the fact that Senator Lind-say has voted against the democratic party and calls upon him to resign, as he no longer represents the party that elected him. The resolution is the result of the heated debate over the currency question.

reated debate over the currency question, Life Insurance Policies Not Taxable. INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 13.—The supreme court has decided that life insurance cles are not taxable under the state